This Bill authorizes the County Commissioners of Calvert County to appoint, with the approval of the County legislative delegation, a zoning hearing officer or board.

The County Commissioners of Calvert County have written to me, requesting that I veto the Bill. Their objections to the Bill, as set forth in their letter, are as follows:

"House Bill 964 appears unnecessary and to the knowledge of the County Commissioners, this type of Board has never been requested by any Calvert County citizen. The effect of the Board would be a duplication of the functions now performed by the County Commissioners. Under Subsection (a), the required approval of the County Legislative Delegation for a Hearing Examiner or Board would, de facto, place the ultimate control of this Board in the hands of the Legislative branch rather than the Executive branch where it belongs. Subsection (f) provides that the Board of County Commissioners may veto on any application heard by the Hearing Examiner or Board 'without the necessity of either having attended the public hearing or having read the record file'. This would give carte blanche authority to the Commissioners to approve the action of the Hearing Examiner or Board without being familiar with the subject matter." The sponsor of the Bill, Delegate Benner, has informed me that, in light of the County Commissioners' position, he has no strong objection to vetoing the Bill.

Consequently, I have decided to veto House Bill 964 at the request of the County Commissioners of Calvert County.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,

Governor.

House Bill No. 1033—Workmen's Compensation

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 67 (8) of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Miscellaneous," changing the definition of "average weekly wages."

May 28, 1969.

Honorable Thomas Hunter Lowe Speaker of the House of Delegates State House Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1033 and am returning it to you.

This Bill amends the definition of "average weekly wages" for purposes of the Workmen's Compensation law. Among other things, it provides that for an employee injured in the course of part time employment, the term "average weekly wages" means the average weekly wages such employee would receive if engaged full time in such employment.